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LOUISVILLE Thursday, Nov. 17.—Private reliable news, dated, Rome, Ga., Nov. 16th, says the destruction of manufactories, mills, and buildings of value to the enemy at Atlanta was commenced at 9½ o'clock yesterday p. m. This extensive rolling mills, stables, and storehouses were destroyed by order of Gen. Corse. Some places of minor importance were fired by the soldiers. The number of private residences destroyed was very small, and these were accidental.

These is great rejoicing over the election news.

Gen. Barry, Chief of Artillery of the Military Division of Mississippi, has left for the North on leave.

The enemy attacked our pickets while engaged in the destruction, but were driven off.

On Tuesday last the out-works at Atlanta were attacked by 1,500 men (cavalry), who were beaten off with but little difficulty.

An expedition was sent out on the night of the 9th to capture the guerillas who captured a squad of Sherman's headquarters guards. The expedition returned on the 10th with the Captain of the rebel squad as a prisoner.

Sherman and his army are in excellent health and spirits, and will depend on the country for their sustenance. Atlanta is rendered untenable. Such buildings as could be of benefit to the enemy were destroyed, but no others. Sherman will meet no enemy on the way. The Georgia militia are few in number, and harmless. There are about 2,000, besides militia, at Savannah.

New York, Thursday, Nov. 17.—The *Post's* correspondence from the field, in Georgia, of the 10th inst., says: The latest yet heard from Sherman says the army under the immediate command of Gen. Sherman, in occupying Atlanta, has been for several days past taking things quite easily, not that it has been idle for there has been a healthy share of activity, but comparatively that of a brigade undergoing his training. Transportation has been reduced to the simplest necessities of the occasion. Sick and wounded have been sent to the rear, unnecessary baggage dispensed with, and extra tents and baggage removed. The army is literally stripped for the march and the fight. The surgeons for the corps in the Twentieth Corps' district, and a more cheerful set cannot be imagined. They have faith in their leader.

Another letter says: Sherman, a few days ago, wrote to his father-in-law, Hon. Thos. Ewing, that he was the leader of the bravest and best army that ever marched on American soil. You may admit the superlative for certain. The Belgian who, without the consent of his King, loans his citizenship; but the law does not object to his taking foreign service, and the law does not forbid any one to treat with him in view of such service. I only see one case in which the Government could object to the enlisting of Belgians in a foreign country—it is when the destruction of the rebellion would be fatal to the country with which Belgium is at peace. In this case the Government could arm itself of the disposition of the penal code conceived as follows: "Any one who by hostile actions not approved of by the Government will have exposed the State to a declaration of war, will be punished, etc., etc. Even in this case no obstacles as yet have been put by the Belgian Government to foreign enlistments. It is in this way that, a few years ago, when war was raging between Rome and Italy, enlistments have been made publicly in our country for the army of the Pope. The position taken by the Government at this very moment with regard to the enlistments for the service of the Emperor of Mexico, would make it impossible to interfere with other enlistments; and in this latter case, so far from opposing the sending of troops to Mexico, the Government, if papers say true, protects and even encourages it. For long months, which to us that those who organize these enlistments are officers in the active service of the Belgian army, and that they do it publicly, and in such a manner that everybody knows and sees it. I have to add, however, and you are probably aware of it, that all the engagements made are contracted lawfully with men who are in the service of the Belgian army, and even not will the King who can do in the service of any other army. This, according to the article of the law of the 5th of February, 1853, would be a crime, which the Belgian tribunals punished with heavy imprisonment. Apart from this you have no obstacle to fear—you may act openly and publicly. I should only cent away their inhuants for the documents to be published by the press to be laid on appeal to the Belgians wishing to go to the United States in view either to engage in the service of the Federal army, or to devote themselves to agriculture or industry, etc., etc., and before treating individually with any one, to give to understand verbally, and specify in the contract the special purpose and nature of the engagement.

Believe me, sir, etc., etc.

(Signed) A. DARRAS, Lawyer,

19 Rue des Minimes, Brussels.

I need scarcely add anything to this letter. It shows plainly that all that has been written in the American and Belgian press is erroneous; for I never would deceive a man in telling he was to be a laborer in America when I had to engage him as a soldier, that especially when the Belgian law gave me power to recruit. I should not have written to you about this latter affair, because it may be of very little interest to the people of Illinois; but being accused at the same time of having swindled the miners and other workmen I sent to your State, I think proper to give a general explanation, so that you would publish a truthful statement. When the American consulate here wanted miners, I have sent them. When they wanted machinists, and other workmen, I have sent them; and when soldiers were wanted I have sent them also. With a perfect understanding that miners had to be miners, mechanics mechanics, workingmen workingmen, and soldiers soldiers. If the men I forwarded did not fulfil their engagements, it is no fault of mine, but entirely their own; and when in New York, and in other cities they claim the public charity, and the aid of their Consuls, it is to the time not to save them. It was very different with the honest man at Washington. He was endorsed by the people, and the result shows that they were wiser than the politician. He thought Mr. Lincoln was the head up of providence to save the country. He believed the rebellion near its end, and that a change of horses at that time was far distant when the Union would be restored. In the present crisis the people must sustain the credit of the Government, the currency and bills of exchange, as well as traitors and treason, for the sovereign people had so spoken. It was not only the proud State of Illinois spoke in thirty thousand majorities, but she has done so in this case, and she meant something. We had some 75,000 thousand soldiers in the field, who had not voted in this election. Had they been permitted to vote the majority would have been over 100,000.

Col. T. J. Turner of Freeport, Judge Scates and Hon. G. M. Cull in also made good speeches. The Springfield glee club sang an original song, written by Ad. Jutant Allen of the club, to the air of John Brown. The Union majorities come in larger and larger. Col. Loomis, Secretary of the National Union Executive Committee puts Lincoln's majority at 34,064, and Oglesby's at over 35,000. Reliable returns to this effect have been received from 101 counties.

Gentlemen who had Mr. Lincoln's confidence before the election state since that he then said in the event of his re-election he would offer another amnesty proclamation to the South. If it was rejected the war would be carried on with renewed vigor, and that the most radical Union men would not find the President behind them in carrying out any measure it would propose, except to adopt if the people, by an emphatic vote fully endorsed the administration. Mr. Lincoln further stated that all he desired was to carry out in good faith the wishes of the loyal masses of the country.

Three Copperhead papers, the *State Register*, *Bloomington Democrat* and *Central Illinois Democrat*, have deserted since election.

Saline gives Ferrill, Union, in 34 Representative District, 130 majority. He runs ahead of his ticket. This certainly elects him over Bunnels, Copperhead, and gives the Union men 17 majority in the House.

Nothing official is yet received as to Dr. Green in the 1st Senatorial District. His election is still in doubt.

Henry Austin, of the 146th regiment, who had just arrived from Chicago, was robbed of $115 in Cairo on Sunday night.

The following letter from Gov. Yates, now in your city, was received with tumultuous applause at the Union jubilee last evening:

CHICAGO, November 15, 1864.

To the President of the Union Meeting, Springfield, Ill.:

Important business prevents my being at your meeting to-night. I regret this deeply, to say that I rejoice in the glorious Union victory which has crowned our labors. Let no heartsick be glad that we have both the National and State governments safe in the Union. Let Springfield rejoice that the Nation has again honored her great citizen, Abraham Lincoln. Let the State rejoice that we have for our next Governor, the able, gallant and noble Dick Oglesby, and that we have for Congress the talented, whole-souled and glorious Cullom, and eleven Congressmen to three; that the Senate and House are ours—that we have a Union Legislature—that the White House is ours, the Capitol of the Nation is ours, the State House is all ours, from turret to foundation stone, with others, our glorious Union is safe. And now, "Three cheers!!! for Liberty and Union," and all our "brave boys in blue"!!!

RICHARD YATES.

FROM ST. LOUIS.

Missouri Matters, Military and General.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

ST. LOUIS, Thursday, Nov. 17.

Lincoln's majority in fifty-two counties is 19,362.

VanHorn's election to Congress gives us the entire delegation, save only the late party split in St. Louis.

John G. Nicolay, Esq., Private Secretary of the President, is detained at the Lindell Hotel by severe illness.

We learn at District Headquarters that the 1,500 guerillas reported to be in force south of Patterson, have dwindled down to some 500 bushwhackers, who are operating principally in Wayne County.

The Merimac bridges on the southwest branch of the Pacific Railroad, are to be completed this afternoon, and to-morrow trains will run through to Rolla. Our military force, reflecting credit upon the military authorities, by whom the work was accomplished.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 17.—Passengers from North Missouri report that a detachment of General Pike's forces had surrounded a gang of bushwhackers in the Peesa Hills, ten miles south of Huntsville. The bushwhackers had taken refuge in a log house occupied by the family of a Union man, and held the women and children as hostages. Our troops had not fired into the house, for fear of killing the women and children. At last accounts the bushwhackers had refused terms of surrender, and our troops had sent for assistance.

Election returns from Kansas indicate the election of Clarke, the Lane candidate for Congress, by one thousand to one thousand five hundred majority. Major Crawford the Lane candidate for Governor, will probably have from 5,000 to 4,000 majority. The remainder of the State ticket about the same. It is estimated that the Senate will stand Lane 16, anti-Lane 9. House, Lane, 51, anti-Lane 34.

ST. LOUIS, Thursday, Nov. 17.—A rumor prevailed on Change to-day, that Sherman is in Augusta, Georgia, and that Governors Stephens and Governor Brown have declared for the old Government. The rumor is, no doubt, untrue, but it created a panic among gold-holders here, many offering to sell as low as 110 premium.

MILWAUKEE, Thursday, Nov. 17.—To-day's *Sentinel* says: We have before us a private letter from a Southern lady in Georgia. The writer says: I have only time to write a few words, as the last train going North leaves in a few minutes. I am assigned to General Howard's headquarters, and will leave this place on Friday, the 11th, with the General for the South. When you hear from me again, it will be from some seaport town.

FROM DESMOINES.

Local Improvements---Iowa Political News---Radon's Dispatch,"

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

DESMOINES, Iowa, Thursday, Nov. 17.

The City Council have granted to William Ashley, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, the exclusive right to erect and operate water works within the city limits for the next thirty years, to supply water for the use of the citizens and the fire department. The water will be furnished from the Desmoines River, which is very clear and pure, and the reservoir will be erected on the Bluffs in the western part of the city, at a point two hundred feet above the bed of the river. The works will be commenced early in the coming spring.

The proposition submitted to the people of this county at the last election, to appropriate $100,000 to aid in the construction of the Desmoines River, abutting on Walnut street, was adopted by an almost unanimous vote. A contract for the building of the bridge will be let in time for its completion in the fall of 1865.

Hon. John A. Kasson is re-elected to Congress from this, the Fifth District, by 4,000 majority on the home vote, and carries every one of the twenty-three counties in his district with a handsome majority. Of those counties millions of bales of cotton have been stored. Thousands of slaves are here gathered upon friendly plantations. Here have been harbored the fugitives from the Union army, with others, were on trial for resisting the execution of the draft in Columbia county, Pa. John Rantz has been sentenced to pay a fine of $1,000, and to be imprisoned for two years. He was the chief leader in the conspiracy, as the evidence clearly indicates. He was the man who publicly counseled his fellow-citizens to keep their money out of the volunteer bounty fund, and to save it to buy powder to kill the Abolitionists. Samuel Kline was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, and William Appleman is fined $500, and if not paid he is to be imprisoned for one year.

There are about a score of others of the conspirators still to be tried.

The January Interest.

NEW YORK, Thursday, Nov. 17.—The *Herald's* Washington special says: The Secretary of the Treasury has decided to anticipate the payment of the January interest on gold interest bonds.

Art Thankful, Horatio?

ALBANY, Thursday, Nov. 17.—Governor Seymour has designated Thursday, the 24th inst., as a legal holiday, and a day of Thanksgiving in New York State.

BELGIAN EMIGRATION.

Letter from Mr. Dochez, Agent of Emigration at Brussels.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 20, 1864.

Editors Chicago Tribune:

SIR: I have lately been so ill treated by the American Copperhead press, and by the Belgian press in general, that I think proper to write to you, so that you might favor me and my actions with a defense in your honorable paper. I have as you may know been long employed in the Illinois Central R. R. Co., in Chicago, and was in 1863 sent to Belgium by the coal opertors of Illinois, with certificates from Gov. Yates, to procure miners. After having exerted myself in behalf of the interests of the coal operators, I succeeded in sending some miners, who by circumstances independent of my own management, did not all fulfil the contracts as offered by their employers. This created dissatisfaction both on the part of the local operators, who became victims of their enterprise, and on the side of the miners, who, by their not fulfilling their contracts became paupers, representing to their consuls, and writing home that the companies did not keep to their agreements, and that if they did their

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THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

In any country no less steps would fall in deciding upon the policy of the administration, to observe carefully the changes in public sentiment, and to mould his measures to suit the demands of the people. This course of action, the dictate of the soundest political sagacity under every government, is a supreme duty with all who hold the will and choice of the people to be the source of all power, and to be diligently sought for, and faithfully and intently obeyed as soon as pronounced. It is not always easy to ascertain what public sentiment is, and after an election involving many and various questions and issues, the most candid and fair minds may differ as to the meaning and extent of the popular decision. Amid the often vague and uncertain readings of party platforms, the variant and clashing opinions and arguments of public men and the press, and the conflicting claims and paramount influence of local candidates and sectional interests as they jostle and struggle together in a fierce political battle extending over half a continent, it is often difficult to ascertain on what subject the popular opinion is united, and in regard to what question its decision is unanimous and determined. As regards the election just terminated, very few if any can be found who doubt that the people have voted with an overwhelming majority, that the rebellion must be subdued by force, that there shall be no compromise or armistice with rebels in arms, that the Union must be restored, and the authority of the Government re-established to its extreme bounds of the will and determination of the people on all these issues there can be no doubt. There is another subject that of slavery, which has been a controlling one in the canvass, as it always has and will be so long as it exists, and it is most important to know what judgement and purpose the people have expressed at the polls respecting it. If the platform of the party who have been so triumphantly sustained by the people, is to be taken as proof of the popular determination, then beyond a doubt the people demand the destruction of slavery, as the deadliest foe to the country, and the real life and support of the rebellion.

The Administration would be false to its avowed purposes, as given in the platform, and to its solemn pledges to the country, and to the loyal men who re-elected it, if it hesitated or swerved in carrying out a thorough emancipation policy. As regards the form in which such policy could most safely and wisely be carried out, whether it should be immediate or gradual, and under what conditions, securing the most advantage to the slave, or the least injury to the slaveholding sections, there may be room for discussion. But we feel sure that the people who have voted with such unparalleled unanimity to continue the policy of the present Administration, intended to say, and have most emphatically declared, that they believe slavery to be in all ages bad and mischievous; that it was the source of the rebellion, and is now its chief strength and support; that we can have no permanent Union and no enduring peace until it is destroyed; and they demand of their rulers that it shall be extinguished. Of the mode and manner of its taking off, it may be difficult to ascertain any definite expression of the popular voice; but if this popular verdict has any clear meaning at all, its voice rings out in the loudest tones an utter condemnation of slavery, and a demand that it shall be utterly destroyed.

It is well known that one of the strongest points made by the Opposition against the re-election of Lincoln was, that his avowed purpose was to make no peace with the rebels unless they would first consent to the abolition of slavery, rendered it impossible for him ever to subdue the rebellion or end the war. While the policy of the Opposition was to re-establish State Sovereignty, with additional guaranties, meaning slavery. The assumption which underlies their policy being that the rebellion could never be overcome, so long as slavery was attacked, and hence while Lincoln's plan must be a failure, the other could not but prove a success. We all know how powerfully and persistently this was urged and enforced all over the country; how the miseries, and the bloodshed and untold horrors of war to abolish slavery were, without any cessation, kept always before the people. If there was any one single issue which, by the unending and most strenuous efforts of the opposition was most distinctly drawn and plainly presented, it was whether the people of this country would vote for the Lincoln policy to carry on the war, not to save the Union, but to destroy slavery. And the people have recorded their answer, by re-electing Lincoln. There can be no doubt that on this issue the opposition was overwhelmingly defeated. The meaning of the election is, the people have made up their minds that slavery, and the Union with peace, cannot exist together, and they demand the destruction of slavery.

Whatever may be the danger of making the South a united and compact mass, and rousing in them an unconquerable and most malignant fury, if you strike slavery, the people of the North, in full view of all the danger, have emphatically pronounced their determination, that the country cannot be saved unless slavery be destroyed; and whatever may be the cost or sacrifice in blood or treasure, that the war shall go on until both rebellion and slavery are wholly crushed out and ended. Conventions have been growing, and ripening with wondrous rapidity in the hot air of this great conflict, that slavery is the life and strength of the rebellion, and that there is no way in which to end rebellion and save the Union but by the utter extinction of slavery, and the overwhelming result of the election is simply the formal utterance of that conviction.

REBEL FINANCES.

The attempt of the rebel government to create perpetual motion in finance by issuing treasury notes and republishing them, and then issuing more treasury notes, has not met with the brilliant success predicted for it by the juggling fraternity. Mr. Trenholm exposes the workings of the system as follows:

"The currency demands the immediate and the earnest consideration of Congress. Unless a uniform and stable value can be given to the treasury notes, the effort to carry on the war through their instrumentality must end in disaster. Additional issues in the deplorable depreciation is to court the ruin to which it tends. One hundred and thirty dollars currency, in May last, price obtained for one hundred dollars in six per cent bonds, is equal to six dollars only in specie; and to sell the bonds at that rate is for all reality to dispose of twenty-four per cent discount; or in other words, to give a hundred dollars bond, in consideration of the loan of six dollars.

"There is not a man of property in the country who would not prefer the measure of taxation rather than produce a temporary and treacherous prosperity by the sale of mortgages on his estate in this ruinous rate.

"The depreciation of the currency, proceeding from redundancy, and the want of confidence in its ultimate redemption, can only be corrected by measures that shall restrict its volume and reinstate the public confidence. The measures adopted by Congress to reduce the currency did not call these essential elements of success. Those who had taken the old notes, relying on the good faith of the Government, or holding them suddenly deprived of one-third of their nominal value, become alarmed, and received new notes with a feeling strong approximations of a repetition of the spoiler. At the time, too, that the currency act provided for a circulation exceeding four hundred millions of dollars, it fixed four hundred millions of dollars as the limit of the issue of new six per cent bonds receivable in payment of taxes. By the first of June first $170,000,000 of these notes had already been issued, and less than $10,000,000 sanctioned for the payment of the subscriptions. The delay of the act proclaimed at once, and proceeded at so rapid a rate that by the first day of October just now last it was issuing at the rate of $1,000,000 per day, for one."

No adverse criticism could so abundantly demonstrate the futility of the rebel scheme to get something out of nothing as the confession of their own Secretary of the Treasury, who merely recites the facts that have come to the knowledge of the people. The case is like that of a bank which redeems its own notes at fifty cents on the dollar on the plea that its circulation has become redundant, and at it strives to put out a new issue at par. The people will but take it at even of the discount which upon it at the point of issue, because the whole scheme savors of swindling. James the Second tried the same process for carrying on his war in Ireland. Gold and silver being scarce, he put copper and iron extensively in circulation. He bothered as cleaning out the treasure of his new coinage as the rebel Congress believed that they could gain some financial advantage by destroying their own credit. The results were alike. James' iron guineas, trooped up by the confidence of the Irish majority, went well for a few weeks, and then they "shut their purchasing power without anybody being able to explain the phenomenon." The Confederate currency once rested upon a general belief that it would be ultimately redeemed, which belief answered, in some sort, the place of the precious metals. The Government deliberately overthrew that belief by "taxing" their notes first 35 per cent, then 50 per cent, then 200 per cent, and by the interference of the Rothschilds to invest them in Confederate bonds. The new notes have lost their purchasing power, not merely in the same ratio as the old issue, but in the greater degree that the holders apprehend further "taxation," the amount of which each man measures by his own fears. The downhill course has been rapid. On the 1st day of October, gold was selling at twenty-five dollars for one," says Mr. Trenholm—that is, the Confederate dollar was worth four cents. How long the war can be carried on with such credit, the rebel Secretary does not venture to predict; but he can point out no remedy but a system of new impressments, which he admits would be "followed by incalculable suffering and distress."

☞ There are those who seek to place the prognostications made now of the speedy overthrow of the rebellion, on the same footing with those hazarded by a few unmilitary men and by at least one military man—Gen. B. McClellan—at the commencement of the war. The latter certainly promised then that the contest should be "short, sharp and decisive," while the Secretary of State has been widely held responsible for an equally fallacious promise that it would end in sixty days. These promises were based, however, on a false assumption—an assumed Unionism in the rebel leaders sufficient to induce those who had led the rebels into rebellion to lead them, after one or two defeats, back into the Union. They were, by no means, based on an assumption that, if the prominent leaders of opinion and of party in the South continued to fight with their utmost skill, power and resources for the rebel cause they could be crushed. Now, however, this is all changed. It is not at all a political but a simple military problem. Let the rebel leaders do what they will, fight to the utmost, put in their last man and last dollar, use their most consummate generalship, and only surrender when crushed into it by superior military force, and still the means under Providence necessary to secure success within the coming few months are all in our hands. The early prophecies of the overthrow of the rebels were based on unsubstantial hypotheses—wet-gatters of faith. Those who uttered them could not pretend to reduce them to calculation. It is not an appeal to our faith, but a mathematical problem susceptible of demonstration. The only problem being to accomplish its solution with the least possible loss of life.

Federation of British America.

The Canadians seem to be unanimous in favor of the plan of federation for British America, agreed upon by the Quebec Convention. The delegates, after adjournment, made the tour of the Provinces, and the trip was a continued ovation. At Ottawa, Kingston, Cobourg, Belleville, Toronto, Hamilton, etc., their reception was of the heartiest kind, and the press of Canada and the Maritime Provinces very generally advocate the scheme with earnestness.

It is apparent that separation from England is no part of the plan, but, on the other hand, a closer union with the Home Government is looked for and sought by leaders and people. The Hon. George Brown, who has gone to England to lay the matter before the Home Government, in his Toronto speech indicated very clearly that a Convention was to be entered into between England and Canada as to the constitution the latter ought to give toward the defense of the Empire. The proposed federation may lead to a league among all the British Colonies for the purpose of assisting England and each other at points that may happen to be threatened by an enemy. At all events, Canada seems willing.

Important if True.

There is a story afloat to the following effect:

The rebel States by secret pre-concert had their Legislatures in session on the 8th inst. and each of them chose its quota of Presidential Electors, as though they had never assumed to secede from the Union. Those Electors, in case their aggregate vote would suffice to give McClellan a majority over Lincoln, were to assemble on the first Wednesday in December, and formally cast their votes for McClellan and Pendleton, sending them on to Washington in due form, and backing them by delegations to either House, should that be deemed essential. Then, when the day arrived for officially counting the votes and declaring the result, the entire Opposition of all shades was to insist that McClellan and Pendleton were duly elected, and, if this were not conceded, break up the session in a row, and inaugurate a civil war from one end of the country to the other, the present rebellion merging into a new one and more formidable—Jeff. Davis, Lee and Beauregard becoming allike Lieutenants of McClellan!

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

A HISTORY OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURES from 1608 to 1860: exhibiting the origin and growth of the principal branches, and general statistics from the earliest colonial period to the adoption of the Constitution; and comprising annals of the industry of the United States in machinery, manufactures and useful arts, with a history of the facts, principles, inventions, laws and usages by which they have been promoted. By J. Leander Bishop, M. D. In three volumes, royal octavo, illustrated by numerous specimens of the principal manufacturing processes, and descriptions of remarkable manufactories of the present day. Vol. I. 1608 to 1684. Vol. II. and III. to be issued in April, 1865. Philadelphia: Edward Young, No. 601 Chestnut street, Chicago, Ill.

Those who are in pursuit of details of information on the direction indicated by the above title, may perhaps find the work of occasional small service. It is not sufficiently connected, however, to be readable, nor sufficiently minute to be depended upon as a book of reference. It is a little more than a clumsy rehash of patent office reports with abstracts of the Tariff laws introduced, with a little encyclopedic skimmilk, and frontispieced with the likenesses of a few very good looking men, but two of whom are prominently connected with American manufactures, and who it is to be hoped, and probably expected, pay the expenses of the publication.

☞ The New York *Herald*, with its usual cool impudence, claims to have nominated President Lincoln for re-election, and "challenges his contemporaries to dispute the assertion." So it did, and it has done the same for every other man who has been seriously mentioned in connection with the office. As near as we can remember, the *Herald* in turn supported Fremont, McClellan, Grant and Lincoln, the latter only when it was certain that the Union would be elected. It is weathercock of every current of public feeling.

☞ Joseph Story Fay, of Boston, "Half-mast Fay," the man, who last Fourth of July, displayed his sympathy for the rebellion by hoisting the American Flag at half-mast, and who was subsequently made President of the Mc. Clellan ratification meeting in Boston, receives once more a retributive notice from the public. His name having been thoughtlessly inserted in a committee list to arrange for the Kearsarge reception in Boston, it was struck out again by the emphatic vote of the Board of Trade of 72 to 6, eminent citizens rightly protesting that it was an insult to the Kearsarge heroes who had so gallantly defended the flag to bring them in contact with him who had insulted it.

☞ The Louisville *Journal* thus indicates its future course:

"As we have no co-operation with the President as we have done in the past, to crush out the hellish, devilish, brutal and fiendish head of the serpent which has stuck its fangs at the peace and security of our families, and we must do this in the most effective manner, without putting on any drags to impede the war chariot of the nation in its proud sweep toward victory.

We have no objection to this evidence of repentance upon the part of the *Journal*, and its promises to aid in putting down the rebellion, but Heaven save the President from the co-operation of the Louisville *Journal*, "in the future as we have done in the past." Witty as Mr. Prentice may deem himself, this is too severe a joke.

Mr. Beecher on the Rebel Arming of Slaves.

We take the following from the report of Henry Ward Beecher's last Sunday evening discourse:

"But we are asked, what if the slave shall be armed against us in this terrible war? To arm the blacks is to destroy slavery, and that is to destroy the life element in Southern society—their aristocracy; and with the destruction of that, the victory for the cause of rebellion. Let us pray that they may arm their slaves. But it can scarcely be. The very proposition is a death symptom. It is not an argument of coming strength, but of present weakness. Many a desperate sick-bed mingle cures. If the patient have the attention enough to bear up under it and withstand the medicine he takes; and there is not enough stamina in the South to withstand two hundred thousand black soldiers in their midst."

THE REBEL SOLDIERS WOULD DESERT IF LINCOLN WAS RE-ELECTED.—The Wheeling, (West Va.) *Intelligencer* of Tuesday notices the arrival there of a party of 20 men from various parts of Southern Virginia, refugees from the rebel conscription. They were of the more respectable looking class of citizens, and the *Intelligencer* says:

"Those men say that Early does not hope to occupy the Valley much longer. All the Governmental stores are being removed to Lynchburg. Two of the refugees of whom we speak assured us that they had heard hundreds of rebel soldiers say that they would desert if Lincoln was elected; that it was no use fighting any longer, and that they would not do it."

Remarkable Success in Gunnery.

Mr. Ames of Connecticut, who, after many rebuffs from the Ordnance Bureau, at length succeeded in getting from the higher power a contract for fifteen wrought-iron 4-inch guns, has had one of them tested with charges of twenty-five pounds of quick-burning powder, increased after a few trials to thirty pounds, seven hundred times. No perceptible impression was made on the gun. The strain required by this gun is more than four times as great as that which was ventured on the 300 pounder, which is called a great triumph. We need not say that the velocity and effect of the shot are in proportion to the power applied. With 30 pounds of stockfort's powder, and thirty-five degrees elevation, a range of seven miles was reached.

☞ As a matter of interest we compile the following table of distances from Atlanta to the several points named. As mentioned as likely to be visited by him:

	Miles.
Augusta to Macon	103
Macon to Savannah	192
Macon to Charleston	297
Augusta to Charleston	171
Augusta to Columbia, S. C.	132
Macon to Lynchburg, Va.	380

OUR ST. LOUIS LETTER.

Greatness of the Radical Victory in Missouri—How Slavery is to be Abolished, and When—Price's Retreat—St. Louis Rebels Exposed—Rebels Receiving Their Just Deserts—Weakness of Certain Unionists—Bushwhackers Harrassing—Cleaning out the Rebels, &c., &c., Etc.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

ST. LOUIS, Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1864.

The glorious triumph of the Radical party in this State is an event which the whole country can afford to celebrate. The Copperheads and accessionists have lost everything—Governor, State Officers, Legislature, State Convention, four-fifths of the local tickets, in addition to the Presidential Electors. In this morning's issue, the *Republican* striving hard to give some reason for defeat, attributes the result to Sterling Price, and then proceeds to castigate the out-and-out rebels for their folly. Verily the *Republican* is so far right this time, that we may justly claim that the result was made sure and certain by the rebel invasion.

Previously, the result of the election in Missouri was so far in doubt that our friends thought we might possibly elect the State ticket, but as to the balance the doubts exceeded the hopes. The coming of Sterling Price not only made Radicals of men who were previously on the fence, but it turned noted rebels into Radicals by the operation of fear lest their disloyalty should be turned against them after the rebels left. Accordingly these men became fierce Radicals. Before they left, they ran off many thousand mules and McClellan voters as conscripts, and drove away many thousand more as refugees. These causes combined have produced the natural fruit. The Radicals have carried four-fifths of all the counties and have such perfect control of the State machinery as never a party has had since the admission of Missouri into the Union.

A slight mistake was made in the TRIBUNE a few days ago, relative to the vote of the State on the Emancipation question. No provision for an amended constitution or any other constitution was submitted to the people, but a proposition for a State Convention was voted upon in accordance with an act of the Legislature. The Radicals carried this bill through the Legislature with the avowed object of electing a Convention committed to immediate Emancipation. The pro-slavery-Claybank element opposed the measure for that reason. The Convention will be carried and three-fourths of the delegates elected are Radicals. The Convention will meet on the 6th of January, and probably celebrate the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans by passing an ordinance of Immediate Emancipation! By this process Missouri will be made free at once, and the result cannot be attained until after the meeting of the State Convention. The victory of the Radicals in carrying this measure, especially at the polls is worth almost as much to the Union cause as the election of two-thirds of the National Congress.

The Congressional delegation from this State stands thus: Radicals 7, Copperheads, 2. As the *Tribune* suggested, it was disgraceful that one of the two Copperheads elected was returned from the First District. The Fremont Germans are responsible for this. They insisted upon voting for Blair, and the result is a disgrace to the country. Blair is known to be disloyal to a very large proportion of the party—a man for whom many hundreds would not have voted if he had received forty Republican nominations. But bygones had better be bygones, and the lesson should be remembered for the future. The gains in the interior, especially in the Eighth and Ninth Districts, which were carried against us two years ago by not less than 8,000 majority are significant. The *Republican* has been snarling ever since election day, and says, ironically, that when such counties as Howard and Randolph give Lincoln majorities, Franklin and Gasconade (the Western Reserve of Missouri), must look to their laurels. Our candidates, John F. Benjamin in the 8th, and George W. Anderson in the 9th, went into the contest almost hopelessly lost, but Price's invasion was their political salvation.

We can afford to turn aside now from politics, and refer to other matters of interest. Price was last heard from west of Cane Hill. He lost not less than 8,000 deserters after the battle of Westport. Many have left on account of the rebel gang is reported still on the war path of blood and destruction, but they will doubtless disperse when the Missouri river and start for Arkansas.

THE CHATTANOOGA AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD DISASTER.

A Thrilling Catastrophe—Narrow Escape from Destruction.

On Saturday last, November 12, as the upward bound train from Chattanooga to Nashville reached Whitsells Station, a bridge, loaded with officers and United States troops, mostly from the front on leave of absence and furlough, an accident occurred, which came near being the most terrible death trap, to say that has ever occurred in the railroad history of this country. The following is the statement of a gentleman who was on board the train:

A short distance from the point on the road known as Whitsells Station, fifteen miles from Chattanooga, there is a very high bridge or trestle-work across a stream called by the Indians Running Water, and by the whites in the spurr of the Cumberland Mountains. This bridge, at its greatest altitude is about one hundred and fifty feet high. The cars are scarcely look from this giddy height to the abyss below without a shudder. The train consisted of seven box cars, filled with officers and their baggage, Government property, etc.; behind these a passenger car filled with officers, and a hospital car full of sick and wounded soldiers. Then followed a long train consisting of about 1,500 passengers.

The whole train, with the exception of the two last named cars, was upon the bridge, when the truck wheels of the hospital car, jumped from the track. This threw off the passenger car, but it remained standing, although two hundred officers and some civilians who had been appointed commissioners from Ohio and Missouri to take the votes of the troops in the field. Among the latter was Colonel Henry W. Blackman of St. Louis, for the State of Missouri.

The passenger car was thus dragged down upon the track, and went plunging and swaying at a fearful rate along the bridge. The noise of the grinding timbers, as the wrecked car went crashing on its way, thrusting and jamming the cross-ties and rails before it, was terrific, and it seemed that nothing could save its ill-fated inmates from swift destruction.

Fortunately, the engineer, whose name I regret being able to give, became instantly aware of the accident, promptly shut off steam and applied the brakes. The hospital car became detached by the giving way of its connecting link, just as it struck the bridge, and thus its wounded and helpless inmates were rescued from the most imminent peril. The passenger car still held on, though all who witnessed the scene were expecting to behold its fearful plunge into the valley beneath. When the train was finally checked up, this car was found lying carened over on the edge, and partially overhanging the giddy height. The escape of its inmates, and that of the whole train, seems little short of a miraculous dispensation of Providence. Two persons only were injured, and they but slightly, to wit: Captain Bachman, of Nashville, and another passenger, whose name we did not learn.

GEN BUTLER IN NEW YORK.

Publik Reception at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

SPEECH OF THE GENERAL.

Major General Butler received an enthusiastic ovation at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York on Monday last. During the evening, Hon. James Wadsworth addressed the General, who replied as follows:

SPEECH OF GEN. BUTLER.

MR. WADSWORTH, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: The citizens of New York have done me honor, over much. Their kindness, extended in every form known to Christian courtesy, overwhelms me. That I should be able to add anything to the sum of intelligence is a still greater honor. That I entertain very distinct views upon the subjects to which you have adverted is most true. Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war; and of all the peaceful victories ever yet achieved in the interests of human freedom, that achieved in the peaceful quiet which almost brooded over this land on the 8th of November, was the greatest. Before we proceed to the comment to look at the material results, let us unlock at the moral. It has passed for the world who shall look on, and it can now be said that it is no vain boast in America that the eyes of the world are upon her; it is now told all the world that we are able in the stress and strain of civil war like that never seen before, to carry on tranquilly the peaceful quiet, to carry or re-elect our rulers as we weigh them in the balance to find them either mortarlocks or wanting. Within the bounds of treason, of disorder, of riot, or of commotion as attends a constable's election in a parish in England. The moral, then, is, that the Government is firmly seated in the hearts of the people, dependent on the intelligence of the people, is the strongest government on earth, living by reflection, by the assent of all, still the right arm of the people. And when we have been told heretofore that it was necessary that there should be neither monarchy or despotism to wield bayonets, we see bayonets wielded by hundreds of thousands where other countries have been kept down by them, and they entirely subservient to the people's will. (Applause.) The material results are not less striking; first in the fact that all disputed questions which have divided the country are now settled by the almost unanimous verdict of the country. Does any one complain that in the conduct of military operations there should be an arrest of a traitor. That question has been argued and settled, and the verdict is guilty—arrest and trial is guilty. ("Bravo.) Does any one complain that the true theory of our Constitution has not been carried out which enrolls all able-bodied men and holds them to military duty in defense of their country's life and liberty? That question has been settled, and thereafter it will be more honorable to be drafted than to volunteer. (Laughter.) Does any one complain that the Government, in its wisdom, has organized Corps respective of color, race and creed, and believes that a black man would fill as large a grave as though his color was whiter, when he fell in battle in defense of his country's liberty. That question has been settled, and has passed away forever to be amongst the things of the past. Does any one now claim, as was claimed in 1860, that Abraham Lincoln is the President of a minority? That question is settled by an overwhelming majority. (Applause.) Let us look for a moment at the fact that if we count every rebel against him, as he was in 1860, and every sympathizer with rebels against him as he was, if we count every unloyal and disloyal man against him, as they all were, yet he is re-elected by a majority only second to that with which Jackson swept the county in the hour of financial peril. These material results have been achieved. Now then, what is the duty of the Government in the present future? War cannot always exist. (Laughter.) We believe to be prosecuted for the purpose of breaking down the power of those opposed to the Government, and bringing them into the fold of the Government, and the supremacy of its laws. In view, therefore, of the unanimity of the American people, in view of the might of the nation, the only thing that can be done now is a good time for us once again to hold out to the deluded men of the South the olive branch of peace. ("Bravo.") They will come back, come back, now." This is the last time of asking. Come back and leave the fooling upon the banks and come with us to the fold of the flock. If it by gentle we by gones if by gones are by-gones, and our country will live in peace hereafter." [Loud applause.] As we look at the offered blessing, can we stand strong enough? Do we not stand with Union enough to be able to afford that to the leaders and to the misled? There might have been an element among a proud and chivalrous people that they would not desert their leaders in answer to the summons of President Lincoln, but now they call. Your attention, so that every man may work out in his own mind much more clearly than any suggestion of mine could do, the question what can be done on with the strength and stringency that I have suggested, how shall we live in the same land? Those who were fighting us are fighting again! Again, let us go to the teachings of history, and we will draw from the history of that nation which is upon her; it is

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[From the Rochester's Whistle.]

BY THE SEA.

BY GAIL HAMILTON.

O, misty, sparkling sea,
Curling along the island,
Flashing your foam out in snowy curves,
To enring me where I stood;
Dazzling in sunlight and
Up to the gray old beach,
Gilding away when he woos you to stay,
Forever beyond his reach.

I know you, sassy sea,
I hear what you do not say—
I have learned the secret that sits your heart
And laughs in your silver spray—Play.
There is—one—who is coming home;
You have seen his white sails gleam,
You stayed your mad flight to listen last night
For the name that he breathed in his dream.

O, beautiful, purple sea,
I forgive you—but will he come?
Oh mock at me mermaids On foot at the sands,
But happily bring him home.
I could drink it was cried, not joy,
Such a fever parcels in my breast,
With the evening star come my love from afar,
And lo! the sun sinks in the West!

OUR PARIS LETTER.

The Interview of the Emperors Napoleon and Alexander—The Meeting—The Treaty of Peace—Speculations on the American Election—Opinions of the Press—Passports Returns.

PARIS, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1864.

The Emperor returned to Paris last night, at 10 o'clock, after visiting the Emperor of Russia, at Nice. But as this incident is much talked about, and a great many comments and speculations have been founded upon it, I shall mention a few details, in order that your readers may see to what simple proportions it is reducible, and so judge of its importance for themselves.

The Emperor Napoleon arrived at Nice at 8 o'clock on Thursday night, the 27th ult., and announced himself while walking about the town, which was illuminated in his honor. He never saw the Emperor of Russia that evening. The next morning, just as he was on the point of entering his carriage, about 9 o'clock, to proceed to visit the Emperor of Russia, the latter made his appearance, in uniform, accompanied by the officers of his suite; "being anxious," the official account says, "to anticipate the visit of the Emperor Napoleon, and be the first to thank him for the good reception he had everywhere met with since he entered the French territories." Nearly half an hour elapsed in the ceremony of meeting and introductions, and then the two sovereigns had a private interview. This is the point of which some of the French Imperialist papers try to make a great deal, and tell us with great solemnity that the conference was a "very long one;" implying of course that it was as important as it was lengthy. Now, the interview lasted just three quarters of an hour, as I learn from good sources, and surely there is nothing very remarkable in the two Emperors conversing in private for that length of time, after one of them had traveled six or seven hundred miles to welcome the other into his dominions. On the contrary, it would have been very odd if they had not exchanged at least this much converse.

A half past 10, the Emperor Napoleon was on his way to pay his respects to the Empress of Russia, at the Villa Pellion, a charming spot surrounded by orange groves. The rest of the morning was employed in a drive round the environs and in visiting the new port and fortifications. In the evening the Emperor dined at the Russian quarters, and afterwards both Emperors went to the theater. By 8 o'clock next morning the French Emperor was off, very much "anxious to!" This was all that took place; everything denotes that the visit was one of common politeness, or at most a renewal of a good personal understanding between the two sovereigns. And this is the light in which I find the matter regarded by well informed persons in this capital.

On his return journey the Emperor stopped a day at Toulon, where he was well received and where he reviewed the fleet. His first halt for a few hours was at Marseilles, where he drove about the city, now wonderfully enlarged and embellished, and where he received a complete ovation from the crowd which surrounded his carriage and hemmed him in without guards or escorts of any kind. At Lyons he stopped again to review the army, and got back last night, as I have said, after a highly successful journey.

You will learn that peace was at last signed at Vienna, on the 30th ult., between Austria, Prussia and Denmark. The measure of us odds seems to have been applied in all its vigor to the latter power, who, amongst other stipulations, is, it appears, still to endure and maintain the invading armies in Jutland for six weeks longer.

Although the re-election of Mr. Lincoln has for some time past been taken for granted in Europe, the interest felt in the event grows rather than diminishes, and he could make, and several of our newspapers occupy themselves with summing up the chances of the two candidates. The Presse, for one, decides this morning, dwells upon the success of the present Administration in the conduct of the war. Grant, it says, has fought his way to the very gates of Richmond, and Sherman with invincible obstinacy to the ground he has gained, closing in nearer and nearer every day upon Petersburg and the rebel capital. The upon Mr. Lincoln, it must be considered, will call for a levy *en masse*, and families are quitting Richmond as if in expectation of its fall. "All foretells a successful issue to the campaign of 1864." Such is the tone which now strongly prevails in this country.

The returns of the indigent poor, receiving relief at the public relieving offices in Paris, have been published. They show nearly 125,000 persons in that condition, being an increase of 11,000 since 1861. The relief given amounted to about 14 francs per head. In some of the poorest quarters of Paris, the number inscribed for public charity amounts to 1 person out of every five, or one in every household. The annual proportion, on the contrary, is 1 poor person in every 35. The enormous increase in house rent is esteemed the chief cause of the larger demand upon public charity.

THE BUTLER WILL CASE.

The Will of Andrew Jackson Butler—Its Admission to Probate—An Attachment of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars Against Butler, Butler in Court, &c.

[From the N. Y. Herald, Nov. 15.]

SURROGATE'S COURT.

Before Gideon J. Tucker, Surrogate.

The Surrogate's Court was quite busy ordinarily crowded yesterday by persons who understood that Major General B. F. Butler would appear in the case of the will of his brother, Andrew Jackson Butler, in which he is largely interested. The case was called when General Butler made his appearance, and J. K. Hackett appeared for the proponent, Benjamin F. Butler. There being no appearance for the widow and son of the deceased, the witnesses of the will were examined, and the Surrogate admitted it to probate. The executor, General Butler, being a non-resident of the State, was required to give security. Messrs. Marvin and Smith appeared on behalf of certain creditors, residents of New Orleans. They claimed the right to examine whether the sureties offered were sufficient. The petition of Butler stated the amount of the assets to the estate to be $200,000. Mr. Hackett said that his client had ascertained, since the petition was prepared, that the amount was more than that. The Surrogate said that by the statute the same security must be taken in the case of a non-resident executor as in the case of insolvency. Double the value of the personal property. The proponent's counsel stated that Gen. Butler was ready to testify with respect to valuation. Counsel for the claimants insisted the right to cross-examine Gen. Butler, which the Surrogate allowed. A consultation then took place between Gen. Butler and his counsel, and the latter announced that they waived any motion to reduce the amount set forth in the petition, and were ready to offer security in the sum of $400,000. Counsel for the claimants expressed his satisfaction with this, and Mr. Hackett stated that the executor would be ready with his sureties at 2 o'clock p. m., to which time the proceedings were then adjourned.

After the recess Gen. Butler again entered the court, bringing as sureties Edwin D. Morgan and Henry J. Gardner. Both of them were accepted and approved in the sum of $400,000. The will was then admitted to probate. The following is a copy of it:

I, Andrew Jackson Butler, late of California and now residing in the city of New York, do make, publish and declare the following as my last will and testament:

First—I give and bequeath unto my brother, General Benjamin F. Butler, to him and his heirs absolutely, the one-eighth part of my estate and property which shall be found at the time of my decease in that part of the United States lying east of the Rocky Mountains.

Second—I give and bequeath unto my executor, hereinafter named, in trust for the use and benefit of my son, George H. Butler, the one-sixth part of all my personal estate and property which shall be found at the time of my decease in that part of the United States lying east of said Rocky Mountains, together with the one-half part of all my other personal estate and property not hereinbefore disposed of. And I hereby direct my said executor and trustee to sue and dispose of, for cash all such personal estate and property hereby bequeathed in trust, and to invest the proceeds thereof in such manner as to him shall seem best, and to collect the interest, income and profits thereon, to be delivered, transferred and conveyed to him and his heirs, absolutely and forever; but in the meantime it is my will and desire, and my said executor and trustee is directed to pay out of the income of said trust estate such sum thereof, and in such proportions, as may be deemed necessary by my said executor and trustee, for the support of my said son George Harris before he shall have arrived at the full age of thirty years.

Third—I devise, give and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, of every nature and description, to my wife Joanna L. Butler and the devise and bequest is intended by me, and is to be accepted by my said wife, in lieu of all other interest in my real estate and personal property, which she otherwise would have had.

Fourth—All other wills heretofore made by me are hereby revoked.

Fifth—I nominate and appoint my brother, B. F. Butler, to be the executor of and trustee under this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this [illegible] day of [illegible] in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

ANDREW J. BUTLER. [L. S.]

The witnesses are Henry C. Gardiner, Jas. F. Allen, and Thos. Richardson, all of New York.

Immediately after the proceedings in the above case were concluded, the Surrogate was served with an attachment against the will for $150,000 damages, claimed to be due to him by him to the amount of $60,000 in New Orleans. The Surrogate declined to admit the service of the writ and notice, on the ground that, as judicial officer, he was not amenable to it. The court then adjourned.

THE INDIANA MILITARY COMMISSION.

Interesting Details of the Proposed Insurrection.

Secret History of the Chicago Convention.

VALLANDIGHAM MAKES THE PLATFORM.

He Submits it to a Meeting of the Sons Before it is offered to the Convention.

[From the Indianapolis Journal, Nov. 16.

Examination of Dr. Wilson resumed: I met at the Richmond House, in Chicago, a man named Majors, and Mr. Barrett, both of whom professed to be authorized to act for the Southern Confederacy. They did not represent any particular States, but the Confederacy at large. Of the parties who were expected and didn't come, I think Amos Green, of Paris, Illinois, was one; Mr. Vallandigham was also expected, but prior to the meeting it was ascertained that he could not attend, and messengers, I think Mr. Holloway and Mr. Green, of Washington county, were sent to see him.

Mr. Dodd represented that he had been to Niagara, at the Clifton House, to meet the Confederate Peace Commissioners—Messrs. Clay, Holcomb, Sanders, &c. In the contemplated uprising Mr. Dodd was to lead to Indiana, and Mr. Vallandigham to Ohio. It was understood that the latter had forces at his disposal in Canada, with which he would invade Ohio. I learned those particulars from Bowles.

Our expenses were paid by Mr. Barrett out of the two millions. I receipted to him for myself and Green. Messrs. Barrett, Bowles, Williams, Bullitt, Piper, Makra, Swan, Walsh, (of Chicago,) Holloway, Dodd and Green, were present. Mr. Piper was a sort of general missionary for the Order. Mr. Barrett announced this as a meeting of the military heads of the Order. Dr. Bowles got myself and Green into it by reporting us as members of his staff. Dodd was considered a military leader of the Order in this State. Nothing was definitely determined on in either of the meetings I attended at the Richmond House, but I suspect they held other meetings, to which I was not admitted. I have reason to believe this was the fact, because I saw other persons about, to whom I was not introduced, and heard them in close conversation in an adjoining room.

Mr. Green, Dr. Bowles, and my wife, came back on the same train with me from Chicago. I had frequent conversations with Bowles after my return. I understood from him about the first of August, that Dodd had abandoned the intention of having an immediate uprising. Did not learn why it was abandoned. Heard Bowles speak of communication with the rebels in Missouri and Kentucky, under Price and Buckner. The forces under Price and Buckner were understood to be the forces with which those of the Order were to co-operate in the uprising.

The uprising was to take place by order of Dodd, who would send out couriers to the Major Generals of the four districts of the State, they to the county temples, and the county officials to the different townships. The general signal was to be the reception of the news that rebel forces had appeared within striking distance of Louisville and St. Louis. The forces of the Order in Southern Indiana were to rendezvous near New Albany, under command of Dr. Bowles. In Illinois they were to rendezvous at several points—Rock Island, Springfield and Chicago. I did not learn who was to lead the Illinois forces, but I understood that after taking the State arsenals, they were to go to St. Louis, and co-operate with Price. In Indiana the forces were to be concentrated at Indianapolis, New Albany, Jeffersonville, and, perhaps, Terre Haute. The capture of the State capital was to be accomplished under the specious pretension of Mr. Dodd. He was to do it by getting up public meetings, called at some place east of the city, if I understood rightly, where it was customary to hold Sabbath School picnics. There seemed to be three favorable points east of Camp Morton at which meetings were to be called. One of them was to be called as a Sabbath School meeting, the other as a political gathering, and the third on some other pretense. The members of the Order were to come in wagons with their arms concealed in the bottoms of the wagons, covered over with straw. After they had assembled they were to have a drill without arms, so that each man would know his place. In the evening, when the soldiers at Camp Morton were on dress parade, a signal was to be thrown up from the camp, after they would rush to the wagons, take their arms, and march towards camp. At the same time the fences and buildings of Camp Morton were to be fired, so as to release the prisoners, who would come up in the rear of the soldiers, while the forces of the Order attacked in front. Between them it was supposed the soldiers would be overpowered, and then their arms would be distributed among the prisoners. While this was going on, a special detail was to be sent to take charge of Governor Morton. The arsenal was to be seized and the arms to be distributed to members of the Order and the prisoners. Then they were to seize the Governor, the officials, and transport their forces to Jeffersonville, and repeat their performances there, after which they would cross and take Louisville. This is a mere outline of the scheme. A great deal of the minutia I have forgotten. This scheme was made known to every member of the Order in Washington county. I don't know about other counties. The organization numbers over a thousand in my county.

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England finds herself in a new trouble; she has miles of wooden walls, but is scarce of seamen to man them. The thousands of men who were shipped for service in the Crimean war, have left the Royal naval service, their terms of enlistment having expired; and it has been stated by the best of authority that not one tenth part of these men can be induced to return and serve under their native flag and government. England has become alarmed; she finds her best seamen leaving their homes, seeking first employment in our merchantmen, and next in our war vessels. Once here, the men are lost to the English navy forever. The leading army and navy organ, speaking on this subject, says: The question of how the British Royal navy is to be manned in the future, is becoming daily of increasing importance, and there is at present difficulty in finding men for the Victoria and Achilles.

Contrast our naval strength with that of (*illegible*.) We are shipping now at the rate of one hundred seamen per day, and could greatly increase this figure did the Navy Department desire it. We have no trouble in filling our ships with good men, and many of these very seamen are the ones who served her majesty through the Crimean war, and have quit her service forever. We may soon become alarmed when she sees her own ships idling in the dock-yards, and know that month after month the ships whose cruises have expired come home but to turn their crews of highly trained seamen and gunners over to the United States Navy. There is no help for her. Many vessels are out upon foreign stations, and must be relieved. Repairs, and more or less of the crew uniformly desert and steer for America. Why do we not see such squadrons of British war vessels in our harbors as come from here to there daily because if they laid here half as long as the Frenchmen do, they would not have enough of a crew to brace a mule a royal yard.

It will soon be time for the British Channel fleet to go into winter harbors, and with re-

The Great Moral Results of the Late National Election.

Gen. Grant, in a recent dispatch to the Secretary of War, desires him to congratulate the President for "the double victory" secured in the late national election, and says: "The election, having passed off quietly—no blood shed or riot throughout the land—is a victory worth more to the country than a battle won. Rebeldom and Europe will so construe it." The double victory thus expressed signifies a victory over the enemies of the Union at home and a victory over our enemies abroad. The same idea was the leading feature of the profound little speech of the President himself to the mass meeting gathered the other evening in front of the White House to congratulate him on his re-election. In that speech he says that the issue of this late exciting political contest "has demonstrated that a people's government can sustain a national election in the midst of a great civil war," that "until now it has not been known to the world that this was a possibility;" and the experiment "shows how sound and how strong we still are;" that "it shows that

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SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Meeting of Delegates from the Different Schools in Cook County—Reports of Progress—Interesting Discussion.

Yesterday morning the first session of the Convention of the Cook County Sabbath School Union was held in the Eastern Room of the Second Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Wabash avenue and Washington street—it was largely attended. On motion, Mr. Jay Rockwell was appointed Temporary Chairman, and Mr. Dr. F. Rockwell temporary Secretary. The hymn commencing "Come thou fount of every blessing" was then sung to open the meeting, after which a few verses from the 3d chapter of First Epistle of John, were read by the Chair, who concluded with an invocation to the Throne of Grace, supplicating Divine blessing upon the deliberations of the brethren.

The remainder of the first half hour was spent in further devotional exercises, after which the regular business of the session commenced by the appointment of D. L. Means Moody, B. F. Jacobs, and L. Evans, as a committee to effect a permanent organization. During the interval occupied by the deliberations of the committee, short addresses were delivered, on the importance of Sabbath School labors, by the chair and other gentlemen present.

The Committee on Organization reported the following nominations:

President—A. H. Willis, Esq.

Vice Presidents—Rev. J. H. Vincent and Rev. G. L. Wren.

Secretaries—Messrs. A. H. Campbell and S. Johnson.

Treasurer—F. M. Rockwell, Esq.

Upon motion, the report was received and adopted.

Mr. Willis briefly thanked the meeting for the honor conferred upon him. He trusted that their deliberations would prove of great benefit to the whole Sabbath School enterprise of the country. Let them narrate their experiences and comfort each other by dwelling upon the success of their efforts.

The programme of exercises as published in the Tribune was then read by the Secretary, Mr. Campbell.

Upon motion, the programme was adopted.

Mr. B. F. Jacobs moved that a Committee on Enrollment and Entertainment of Delegates be appointed, as also one on Resolutions.

The motion was carried unanimously and the committees appointed by the Chair as follows:

Committee on Enrollment and Entertainment—Messrs. B. L. Mooly, E. C. Wilder, and L. Tyrrel.

On Resolutions—Messrs. L. Truax, T. M. Hibbard, and S. D. Williamson.

Reports on the general condition of various Sabbath Schools throughout the city and county—the history of the origin of the pupils in the instructions of their teachers, and the success of the teachers in their labors for the good cause, were next received from delegates present. The reports indicated a growing increase in the prosperity of the Sabbath School enterprise throughout the county, and spoke well for the energy of the teachers, who throughout all the dreary summer months have continued steadfast in their labors until now all can report hopeful success.

At a few minutes to twelve o'clock the meeting adjourned until two in the afternoon, in order to enable the delegates to attend the noon prayer meeting in the Lecture Room of the Young Men's Christian Association.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment the convention re-assembled in the lecture room of the Second Presbyterian church, the President Mr. B. F. Willis, in the chair.

In accordance with the adopted programme, the first half hour of the session was spent in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the chair and other delegates.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The first business in order was the reception of reports on the condition and prospects of Sabbath Schools which had not been heard from in the morning. Delegates in attendance of the schools or teachers from them. As in the morning, the reports were of a very satisfactory character, and reflected great credit upon those who are laboring to attain the welfare of the little ones.

In the twenty-fourth ward part of the proceedings was the report of the colored pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, of the city, giving the condition of the school attached to his charge. He reported the school to be in a flourishing condition, and that considerable interest was manifested in the work, by both teachers and scholars.

Rev. J. H. Trax, agent of the American Bible Society, in a short address urged his hearers to labor throughout the country to sow the good seed. The distribution of Bibles and with outside the city were many and various. The destitution in the country districts was far greater than in the cities and villages. In the city, consequently it was more difficult to get the children to attend Sabbath Schools, as in the numerous townships in Cook county outside of the city, there are 64 Sabbath Schools, 15 of which have been organized this year. These Sabbath schools contain 3,135 scholars, but in those towns there are 8,500 children in the common schools, so that 5,365 children do not attend no school on the Sabbath day. The number of persons between 14 years of age and 21 years of age is reported at 13,000, of which number 9,567 do not attend school leaving the number of attendants less than one in four. In some